

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KYLE PETERSEN,
Plaintiff,

v.

ANTHONY SIMS, JR.,
Defendant.

No. 1:20-cv-00884-DAD-EPG (PS)

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR COPY OF
CIVIL COMPLAINT

(ECF No. 18)

On March 4, 2021, Plaintiff Kyle Petersen (“Plaintiff”), a federal prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, filed a motion requesting a copy of his complaint and various other documents. (ECF No. 18). Plaintiff’s motion states that he intends to file a motion in this action and needs copies of the documents to do so. He further states that his legal documents were lost when he was transferred to his current institution of confinement. For the reasons below, the Court denies Plaintiff’s motion.

As the Court has explained the first time Plaintiff sought a copy of his complaint in this action:

Plaintiff is advised that the Clerk of Court does not ordinarily provide free copies of case documents to parties. The Clerk charges \$.50 per page for copies of documents. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). Copies of up to twenty pages may be made by the Clerk's Office at this Court upon written request and prepayment of the copy fees.

(ECF No. 6).

1 Although the Court has granted Plaintiff copies of documents in this case and others, each
2 time it informed him that it was a “one-time exception” and that “In the future, Plaintiff must
3 retain a copy of all documents submitted to the Court. The Court will not look favorably on
4 future requests for free copies of filed documents.” (*Id.* at 2); *see also Petersen v. Buyard*, No.
5 1:20-cv-00954-DAD-EPG, ECF No. 6 at 2 (substantially the same).

6 Here, the Court will not make another exception to provide Plaintiff with free copies of
7 documents in this case. This action is stayed until the Ninth Circuit rules on Plaintiff’s pending
8 criminal appeal. (ECF No. 15). That appeal is still pending. *See United States v. Peterson*, No. 19-
9 10246 (9th Cir.). Therefore, no filings are due or will be considered in this case until the stay is
10 lifted.

11 If Plaintiff still has not received his legal property when the stay in this case is lifted, he
12 may file another motion. He should explain what he has done to obtain his legal property and the
13 response of the institution, with any document showing his attempt to obtain his legal property.

14 Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Motion for a Copy of Civil
15 Complaint (ECF No. 18) is DENIED without prejudice.

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17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 Dated: March 8, 2021

/s/ Eric P. Gray
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE